

DISTRICT VI ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes

Monday
January 3, 2005
7:00 p.m.

Evergreen Recreation Center
2700 N. Woodland
Lounge Clubroom

The District VI Advisory Board Meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at Evergreen Recreation club/lounge room. In attendance were the District VI City Council Member, ten (10) District Advisory Board Members, one (1) District Advisory Board youth, five (5) city staff, and seven (7) Citizens. Approximately 20 attendees signed in.

Members Present

Council Member Sharon Fearey
Sandra Whittington
Bob Schreck
Maurine Willis
Rosalie Bradley
Jaya Escobar
Dick Rumsey
Bickley Foster
Gil Gutierrez
Paul Daemen
Marcia Carr
Garrett Harmon-Y

Member Absent

Linda Matney
Brittany Hernandez-Y

Guest

Listed at the end

Staff

Listed at the end

Call to Order

Council Member Fearey called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed guests. DAB members were asked to introduce themselves and state their representation on the board.

Approval of Minutes

- Approval of Minutes for November 1st were approved with the following amendments:
 - 1) Linda Matney noted as absent but was present
 - 2) Page 2 comments # 7 how would a concrete train look for the Midtown Bike Path plan? The corrected comment was noted as The train wouldn't look like dividers on the highway
 - 3) Page 6: Kathy Dittmer's comment was corrected to read Riverside Citizens Association is pleased with the improvements to the outdoor tennis courts and is committed to work with the Park Department to co-sponsor the River Festival's Tennis Tournament. **(Schreck/Willis 10-0)**
- Approval of Minutes for December 6th was approved as submitted. **(Schreck/Willis 10-0)**

Approval of Agenda

- The agenda was approved with the amendment to add nominate Grant's Review Committee representative. **(Rumsey Schreck 10-0)**

Public Agenda

1. **Scheduled items** –Stephanie Shahan, an AmeriCorps member with the GoZones program at St. Paul's United Methodist Church located at 1356 N. Broadway was to present but did not show up for the meeting.
2. **Off-agenda items** - see police report

Staff Presentations

3. Community Police Report

Officer Kyle Patrol West Beat 11: discussed the upcoming monitoring of speeders at 17th & Sheridan & 13th & N. Meridian; A problem at Emerson Elementary with parents picking up their kids and blocking traffic; Sims Park continues to have moral and drug violations taking place; Riverside Citizens Association has had a rash of burglaries mainly computers, money and food. We will work with the churches on this problem and see how we can solve it.

Officer Franco Patrol North Beat 48: said there was nothing to report at this time for his beat but spoke about what the Community Police officers in this area were doing. Beat 42 continues to have prostitution problems and multiple arrests of Prostitutes and Johns have been made. Beat 41 reports several problem areas continuing to have drive-by shootings and gang activity including this past weekend's drive-by at 3200 N. Fairview. The police now have someone in custody. The officers are putting together information about graffiti and how to handle it. There is a new type of paint for buildings that you can apply on your building and if it gets graffiti, Formula 409 will clean off the paint. Sherwin Williams Company is willing to donate the paint for testing. Celebrate Safely for the New Year had a couple of incidents along with some property damage. We have no formal reports on New Year gunshots possibly that will be ready by next month. **Member Bradley** said she heard booms not gunshots in her area. Response was maybe it was fireworks. **Member Carr** asked what is a show-by? Response was possible flashing gang signs. **Franco** finished with he would be meeting again with the railroad people to discuss the trains blocking 21st street.

Officer Murray Patrol South said he has been on the police force for six (6) years and this was his 3rd week as a CP officer. **Murray** reported on 21 beat: there are ongoing investigations of several vandalisms of transient nature and small businesses. The vandals are looking for food and coats. I have been advising businesses to keep their desks locked.

***** Action Taken: Receive and file

4. Midtown Rezoning

Scott Wadle from the Metropolitan Area Planning Department (MAPD) was present along with *Janet Miller* from the Historic Midtown Citizens Association Neighborhood Plan Committee. *Miller* began giving a brief overview of the neighborhood plan that was adopted last spring. The primary object is to bring zoning into alignment with the current zoning, to protect neighborhood character. *Miller* said the committee has held two public meetings, presented at three DAB meetings, notified area neighbors by three mailings with changes to the plan, one article written

in the Eagle newspaper and reported plan on-goings in the neighborhood newsletter. It's very important you know no one was rezoned against his or her wishes. There were very few in the 1800 properties involved that chose to opt-out of the re-zoning, only 32 properties participated. Many residents are supportive of the plan but go between what the zoning is now and how it's going to look. **Scott Wadle** continued with saying two changes have occurred since they last visited DAB. Along Murdock to 18th street east of Broadway was zoned Neighborhood Retail will now be Multi-Family MF- 29 and West of Murdock from Waco to Broadway was zoned as Neighborhood Office now to be zoned as General Office.

Member Schreck asked from Broadway to 13th before was Neighborhood Retail and now will be Limited Commercial? Yes, correct.

Janet Miller finished with saying all the MAPD planners have worked very hard and we thank them. **Council Member Fearey** said the Neighborhood Association and the Planning Department both did a great job.

Member Foster said it was good to have the two maps pointing out the way the zoning was and how it will now be.

*****Action Taken: Receive and file

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5. Problem Properties

Report on the **Tobacco Shop near 37th and Meridian** has a car with only 2 wheels and again they have outdoor storage.

Riverside Citizens Association: In Riverside Park, the stone curbing along the strolling paths is breaking out, including the playground around Murdock Bridge and the walking path that splits around a tree.

***** Action Taken: Receive and propose appropriate action.

6. Neighborhood Reports

WIN annual meeting will be held on January 13th at the Midtown Community Resource Center at 6:30 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$15.00. Mayor Mayans will be the guest speaker.

Riverside Citizens Association: held their 4th annual youth project, earning \$525.00 with Liberty Services matching the funds raised.

Council Member Fearey said more parking was being looked at Riverside Park.

Member Carr asked if there are certain number restrictions on park receptacles along the strolling path? Neighborhood assistant will check with the park department.

*****Action Taken: Receive and file

7. Grant Review Committee Representative

Due to a conflict of interest for the previously selected representative, a different DAB member was selected to resume this position.

*****Action Taken: Motion to approve Sandra Whittington to the committee. **(Bradley/Schreck 10-0)**

Updates from the Council Member

- **Council Member Fearey** said the DAB recommendation on McComas rezoning was not approved as submitted. The MAPC approved the request as submitted by MAPD. The DAB recommendation was very good; I will make your recommendation at City Council.
- New improvements at Murdock Bridge after the equipment fell in the river during part of the construction

Kathy Dittmer, RCA asked about the trash in the park, would it be removed? Response was to work with the Park Department on this.

- River Advisory Committee: the priority is to clean up the river area, maybe we should make this a City event and get this done before Riverfest

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Guest

Christine Eberle	1814 JoAnn – N.W. BIG RIVER/NBRHD Association
Ken Thomas	4725 Cobblestone – 21 st Business Association
Berle Willis	3834 Woodlawn
Kathy Dellner	823 Litchfield – Riverside Citizens Association
Janet Miller	1102 Jefferson - HMCA
Dale Kahl	1719 N. Waco

Staff

Officer Kyle	Patrol West
Officer Franco	Patrol North
Officer Murray	Patrol South
Terri Dozal	Neighborhood Assistant
Scott Wadle	Planning

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Dozal
Neighborhood Assistant